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SUBJECT: SINO-INDIAN RELATIONS: MISCELLANEA

1. MEA JOINT SECRETARY (EAST ASIA) JHA TOLD EMBOFF JULY 30 THAT CHINESE HAD INFORMED INDIANS THEIR AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE WOULD ARRIVE NEW DELHI SOMETIME AFTER MID-SEPTEMBER BUT BEFORE OCTOBER 1. INDIANS ARE CONSIDERING SENDING REPRESENTATIVES TO CANTON TRADE FAIR IN APRIL 1977. GOI IS REVIEWING TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS CURRENTLY IN FORCE ON CHINESE EMBASSY IN DELHI (PRIOR PERMISSION NECESSARY BEFORE LEAVING DELHI) WITH POSSIBILITY OF RELAXATION AFTER CHINESE AMBASSADOR ARRIVES, BUT NO DECISION MADE THUS FAR. ANY DISCUSSION OF SINO-INDIAN BORDER WOULD HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL BOTH SIDES HAD OPPORTUNITY TO "TEST EACH OTHER'S SINCERITY" OVER PERIOD OF TIME. IN THE MEANTIME, THE PRIMARY NOTICEABLE EFFECT OF THE UPGRADING OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS HAD BEEN THAT CHINESE DIPLOMATS IN DELHI SPENT MORE TIME AT PARTIES, TALKING WITH INDIAN OFFICIALS AND THAT CHINESE ANTI-INDIAN PROPAGANDA HAD DROPPED TO LOW LEVEL. JHA SAID THAT CHINESE HAD TOLD RECENT VISITOR (HE THOUGHT N.ZM PM MULDOON) THAT NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT WAS TOO PRO-SOVIET.

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2. JHA SAID HE HAD LITTLE MORE INFO ON NORTH CHINA EARTH-
QUAKE THAN HAD APPEARED IN PRESS. INDIAN STAFF IN PEKING
WAS SAFE AND STAYING AT EMBASSY CHANCERY/RESIDENCE.
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